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The state of New York has the greatest number of inhabited dwellings, 995,528; Nevada the least, 10,096.

It is reported that the University of Pennsylvania is about to adopt the dormitory system after having existed for 145 years without it.

According to Gray, Michalet and Dobby, three eminent botanists, there is not a single known species of marine plant containing vegetable poisons.

In 1889, according to the agricultural reports, there were raised in this country 565,705,000 pounds of tobacco. The acreage was 747,325, and the value of the product was \$43,695,005.

The pickle crop is reported short all over the world. Chicago times shipped 260 carloads of pickles to the eastward to Europe, and pickles, before they grow again, will be marked among the scarce luxuries.

At a recent New York performance two of Jefferson's grandchildren were in an upper box. When Rip Van Winkle began to upset the chairs in his poor little home, one of the grandchildren leaped over and said: "O grandpa, what will grandma say?" It was the funniest thing in the performance.

Treated birch becomes mahogany of rare beauty, and "soaked" maple goes into all "ebony" pianos now. So cleverly is the "fake" wood "weighted" that nothing short of borings will prove the deception. Maple mahogany is soaked through to a depth of four inches, and will polish even better than the genuine wood.

In a new work on engineering Prof. Warren discusses the "fatigue" of metals—a striking term used to describe their loss of power of resistance after having been subjected to strain. Car axles grow thus "fatigued" and finally break from the effects of jolts and strains so small that no single one of them seems to have any effect at all.

One part of the wedding ceremony among the Babylonians was very significant. The priest took a thread from the garment of the bride and another from the garment of the bridegroom and tied them into a knot, which he gave to the bride. This is probably the origin of the modern custom about tying the knot in regard to marriage.

The world's output of gold has increased from 702,528 tons in 1890 to 2,217,843 tons in 1900, but during the same period the yield per ton decreased from 12.50 to 10.00 pennyweights. T. A. Richards writes that "the steady decrease in the yield per ton is due to the exhaustion of the higher grade, free-milling ore near the surface."

It is only possible for February to have five Sundays in each year, unless, through some chronological freak the century comes in with a leap year, with the first day of February a Sunday. The five Sunday Februaries of this century have been those of 1824 and 1892 and 1896. The next time this oddity will occur will be in the year 1920.

The Georgia senate has passed a bill making it a penal offense for any person to make remarks or write articles that reflect upon the good name of a woman. The bill calls to mind that in the old days there were laws against scolding and tattling, as well as laws against slander, and that the scolding stool was high in favor as an inducement of polite conversation.

In making treaties with China each foreign country has chosen its own name. England is Ying Kwo, the flourishing country; France is Fan Kwo, the law-abiding country; the United States, Mei Kwo, the beautiful country; Germany, Je Kwo, the virtuous country; Italy, I Kwo, the country of justice; Japan is Ji Kwo, the land of the sun, but she prefers to be called Ji Pen, the land of the rising sun.

About twenty years ago Germany adopted the system of compulsory insurance of workmen against accidents. Since that time there has been paid into the reserve fund about \$88,000,000, of which about \$20,000,000 forms the capital. In the year last reported more than \$7,500,000 was paid in indemnities, and more than \$8,000,000 was added to the reserve fund. It is now proposed to extend the system to apprentices and employes whose wages do not exceed \$25 a year.

Statistics published in a Swiss newspaper show that mountain climbing has been attended with an unusual number of accidents this season. Since the 1st of July fifty-two deaths have occurred and there have been thirteen cases of serious injury. In the Swiss Alps alone there have been thirty-three fatalities and seven cases of injury. The rest were in the Austrian, Bavarian, Italian and French mountains. Four climbers who have disappeared are not included in these figures, although there is little doubt that they should be added to the list of the killed.

We speak of "China" and the "Chinese," little thinking that the natives of the flowery kingdom never hear those terms until after leaving the place of their birth or coming in contact with some traveler. They have many names by which they designate themselves and the land which they inhabit, but "Chinese" and "China" are not among the number. The most ancient name of China is Tien Hsia, which signifies "beneath the sky." Since the present ruling house took control of the empire in 1650 the name of Ta Tsing Kwoh has been applied to the kingdom as a whole.

There are some odd names for game birds far down the Chesapeake. A small shy snipe that flies with a twittering noise is called the horsefoot snipe, because of its fondness for the horsefoot or horseshoe crab. It is called also the turnstone, from its habit of overturning pebbles in search of food. The telltale snipe bears that name because it always sounds a note of alarm at the sight of a gunner. Chesapeake gunners believe that a telltale snipe can clear a whole region of game birds. The widgeon is called build pate, and the willet so called because of its cry: "Will-willet-willet!"

Epitome of the Week.

INTERESTING NEWS COMPILATION.

FROM WASHINGTON.

SEVENTEENTH BODIES in his annual report says the foreign mail service has attained a high degree of perfection.

In his annual report Secretary Herbert recommends the construction of three additional battleships and twelve torpedo boats. During the year five ships have been added to the naval list, the Marblehead, Columbia, Olympia, Montgomery and Minneapolis.

SECRETARY MONROE in his annual report suggests exporting dressed beef instead of live cattle, in view of the prohibition of foreign governments.

In his annual report Commissioner of Internal Revenue Miller shows a falling off in receipts during the year of \$10,000,000.

STRENGTHENED KIMBALL, of the life saving service, in his annual report shows that during the year ended June 30, 1894, there were 594 distress calls, 420 property saved, \$8,763,215 property lost, \$2,007,200 number of persons involved, 4,201 persons lost.

At the south of the interior department, in its annual report deals largely with Indian affairs. The report also shows that the total disbursements to date for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1894, were \$10,000,000, 420 property saved, \$8,763,215 property lost, \$2,007,200 number of persons involved, 4,201 persons lost.

At the United States the exchanges at the leading clearing houses during the week ended on the 30th ult. aggregated \$1,000,000,000, against \$1,000,000,000 the previous week. The increase, compared with the corresponding week in 1893, was 2.9.

A SAILING improvement in business throughout the eastern and middle states was reported.

SECRETARY LAMONT in his annual report urges an increase in the army to 50,000, and praises the men for their work during the strikes. The expenditures for the last fiscal year were \$10,000,000, 420 property saved, \$8,763,215 property lost, \$2,007,200 number of persons involved, 4,201 persons lost.

In the seven days ended on the 30th ult. there were 250 business failures in the United States against 322 the week previous and 271 in the corresponding time in 1893.

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JAMES KENT, clerk of the house of representatives, in his report shows that for the year ended June 30, 1894, the salaries of members and other expenses of the house amounted to \$200,000, of which total \$200,000 was for the hire of members' clerks.

The secretary of state declared, in his report that Minister Denby had called that the legation at Peking was in danger.

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A TRAIN struck football players riding to a game at Southbury, Mass., and two were killed and sixteen injured, three of them fatally.

IN A FIT of jealousy G. N. Richards at Watkins, N. Y., murdered Miss Kiddle and then committed suicide.

GEORGE R. FORTNEY, of Canada, N. J., died by falling from a tool shed that lodged in his chest eight months ago.

Mrs. LOUISE GABRIEL, aged 29, and Samuel Ward Parsley, aged 70, were married at Chicago, Mass.

The death of Rev. Dr. Henry M. Stokes, who defended Prof. Briggs before the Presbyterian general assembly, occurred at Orange, N. J.

In New York Frank Waller, of Chicago, won the twenty-four-hour professional bicycle race, making 434 miles.

The English labor leader, John Burns, reached New York, and was welcomed by trade-unions.

MISSOURI STATE NEWS.

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The wholesale implement house of Chesmore & Farber at St. Joseph has assigned.

MEXICO celebrated Thanksgiving in a novel manner. After religious services a fine dinner was spread to both rich and poor.

At Springfield the other day Rev. John Denny, a local preacher of some notoriety, pleaded guilty to horse stealing, and was sentenced to the penitentiary for two years.

On Thanksgiving day Gov. Stone pardoned David O'Brien, colored, from the penitentiary for exemplary conduct. O'Brien was sentenced from Randolph county in 1885, for fifteen years for burglary.

JOHN S. SELMAN, at Kansas City a few days ago, was the victim of a blow on the head inflicted by a man named Howland. The trouble grew out of the borrowing of a ring from Howland's sister by Selman.

The game of football played at Kansas City on Thanksgiving day between the university teams of Kansas and Missouri, the Kansas university team defeated the Columbia boys by a score of 15 to 12. At least 7,000 people attended the same.

Gov. STONE has offered a reward of \$200 for the arrest and delivery to the St. Clair county authorities of William L. Barnett, late sheriff of that county, who is under indictment for embezzling funds as a public officer and is a fugitive from justice.

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